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COMMISSIONER OF CONSERVATION

**VIA EMAIL AND POSTED ONLINE**

**November 14, 2014**

**Re: DOCKET No. 14-626 - Request for Extension of Statement/Comment Period**

To Whom it May Concern:

The Commissioner has received your request for an extension of the statement/comment period related to Docket No. 14-626. While we understand the reason for the request, please understand that state law (La. R.S. 30:6) statutorily requires that "[u]pon receiving [a hearing request], the commissioner shall promptly call a hearing. After the hearing, and with all convenient speed and in any event within thirty days after the conclusion of the hearing the commissioner shall take whatever action he deems appropriate with regard to the subject matter."

Given the mandate required by state law, the fact that the statute does not provide for any extended statement/comment period whatsoever and that the Commissioner has already provided week-long one, the Commissioner has deemed it unreasonable to grant your request to further extend the statement/comment period for any longer when the current statement/comment period (ending November 19, 2014 at 5p.m.) has not even elapsed. Please also remember that statements are not "cross examination" and are governed by LAC 43, Part XIX, § 3929(F).

The presentations from Helis Oil and Gas and Abita Springs/CCST have been uploaded to the main page of our website which can be found here <http://dnr.louisiana.gov/conservation>. While the deadline for receiving comments remains November 19, 2014 at 5 p.m., we believe this should afford all parties adequate time to respond.

Sincerely,

**JAMES H. WELSH**  
**COMMISSIONER OF CONSERVATION**  
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